

Maplewood Golf course—4050 Maple Valley Highway—Renton, Washington 98058 July 2010

Just a reminder of what is on the schedule for the rest of 2010;

Date Tournament Pre-Pay Cut-Off

July 10th Summer Field Day Thurs – July 8th

July 24-25th Match Play ***Pre-Pay due at Sign-up***

Aug 7 – 8th Club Championship Thurs – Aug 5th

Aug 14th Club Championship - (***Low 8 Gross & Ties***)

Sept 25th 4-Man (3) Net Thurs Sept 23rd

Oct 23rd 2-Man Triple Play Thurs Oct 21st

Take advantage of the summer weather and great company at Maplewood!

The Prez Sez

Before I get to the business at hand, we would like to dedicate this issue of our newsletter in memory of our dear friend Tom “Moose” Staudt who passed away. It’s been a few month’s since our 1st newsletter for 2010. So far we have had an outstanding year, and we are very encouraged that our membership is up from last year. Currently we have 380 members where we ended last year with 340. Of those we have 93 new members. This is very encouraging since the past few years saw a decline in our membership. With the increased membership this has also translated into more members participating in our events. It looks like the new membership package that we offered this year has been a success. Don’t forget that the River-Rock has also been very supportive of the club. We are always working together to provide the best for both sides. On the course front, I would like to thank Steve Meyers and his crew for the work they have done to keep the course in the best possible playing shape considering the strange weather we have so far this year. They continue to make improvements to ensure that your round at Maplewood will be an enjoyable yet challenging experience. This will be the latest that we have ever switched over to Summer Rules. That will finally take place on July 1st. Don’t forget to review the local rules, especially the one on the Audubon areas. There still is some confusion on how to play your ball from these areas. It looks like the patience that our greens crew had during the winter with the greens has paid off. They have come thru with flying colors. There is still a lot of great events planned for the rest of the year. Keep watch for the emails that Doug continues to send out. If you have access to email and would like to get these updates let us know. If you don’t have access there are pocket size schedule cards available at the pro shop.

We do have one special event coming up this summer and that is the Ed McCafferey / Gordy Neilson Memorial Golf Tournament. This event is scheduled for Saturday August 21st. The format is a two person scramble. All proceeds from this event go to Jr. Golf. Last year we donated \$1200 each to the Hazen, Renton and Liberty golf programs. The coaches from these programs were present at our June membership meeting and were very thankful for our generosity. With the ongoing budget cuts thru out the district this money will go a long way to keep their programs going. For the 10 years that we have run this event we have donated over \$17,000 dollars to Jr. Golf. Mark the date on your calendars and let’s have another great turnout this year. Enjoy your summer.

The Prez

Western Washington Sweeps News

Many of you may not be aware, but we are a member of the W.W.G.A.. This association has member courses throughout Western Washington. They run numerous events throughout the year. These are a two man team crossover and individual gross and net. The schedule includes some great courses that you may not normally go play. The signups for these events are posted on the Men's Club board and if you have any questions let me know. I would be glad to give you more information. The events run Saturday – Monday. You can play on any of the days or choose to play all three.

Gene Knox

W.W.G.A Rep / President

W.W.G.A. Schedule

Tournament Date

Whispering Firs Jul 31, Aug 1,2

Lake Wilderness Aug 28, 29, 30

The Classic Sep 18, 19, 20

Brookdale Oct 2, 3, 4

Dungeness Oct 23, 24, 25

Madrona Links Nov 13, 14, 15

Is Summer Finally Here?

Hard to believe we are almost through the month of June and we are still playing “winter rules”! Mother Nature has not been overly kind to those of us in the Pacific Northwest, but it looks like we are finally going to enjoy some sunshine. That being said, there is no reason to miss out on the tournaments we have scheduled for the remainder of the year. Overall participation for our 2010 events so far is up 13% over 2009, with a per tournament average of 94 players. Thanks to everyone that has been supporting the Men's Club! To-date we have we have paid out over \$20,000 in book money and “special cash” to the winners. Congratulations to the following tournament winners thus far;

Tombstone Santos Saloy

5-Man Scramble 1st Div Ja Postma – McLaren – Maples – Maples - Zevely

2nd Div **Lynch – Brandel – Schulke – Kreckman - Uyehara**

Spring Field Day Field Low Net **Will Reynolds**

Seniors Championship “Seniors” **Rick Craddock**

“Super Seniors” **Dennis Harrison**

“Legends” **Jim Kostohris**

2-Man Team Match Play 1st Div Gomovitz / Sutton

2nd Div Sheen / Navin

3rd Div Cabot / Schuman

4th Div Jo Postma / Zevely

5th Div Hjermstad / Colwell

6th Div Gangnes / Montieth

2-Man / 2-Day 1st Div Net Case / J Mentink

1st Div Gross Gomavitz / Kump

2nd Div Net (Tie) Colwell / Hjermstad (Trophy awarded from card match)

Frigard / Empens

Woods / R Mentink

3rd Div Net R Jones / Lynch

3rd Div Gross Stump / Bauer

Tom "moose" Staudt passed away in the early morning hours of May 11, 2010 at the age of 57, after a long struggle with liver cancer. Tom was born November 7, 1952 in Renton, WA and graduated from Renton High School in 1971. He was discharged from the U.S. Army in 1973 and started work in the drafting field. Tom held various jobs over the years with his final career as a highly crafted carpenter and avid golfer. Tom was given his nickname "Moose" many years ago during his softball years. No one has claimed the whole story, but for sure, it is a good one! His latest and most constant passion has been golf for which he earned a handicap of "6" and was given the acclaimed "Hall of Fame" award at Maplewood Golf Course just this year. On April 3, 2010 the first annual "MOOSEPALOOZA" Golf Tournament promoting Cancer Awareness was played at Maplewood Golf Course with proceeds exceeding \$1,200 donated to Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research. Tom is survived by his mother Inez Thornton, father John (Nancy) Staudt and sister Kas Willmon; Three children, Tamura (Paul) Sainton, Jeff (Brandy) Boswell, and Joshua (Rikki) Staudt, and 5 grandchildren. Tom was able to spend his final moments with his kids who were of great comfort to him. At Tom's request, there will not be a memorial service. In lieu of flowers, the family would like donations made to the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research in Tom's memory. You can find a tribute page at <http://getinvolved.fhcrc.org/goto/MOOSEPALOOZA>.

Tom once wrote a poem, that in part stated, "*the future is hard, for us to all know; To only map out, from now 'til we go; it's such a long journey, and never is so; Just as life's plant, continues to grow.*"

Tom "Moose" Staudt made an impression on everyone he met, and he has left us all feeling all the better for knowing him. He will be sorely missed. Rest in peace, Moose—and here's hoping that you are having the best golf game ever!